



HIDDENITE HALF-MARATHON

**Hiddenite, North Carolina
September 22, 2007 – 8:30am**

INTRODUCTION

The first Hiddenite Half-Marathon is being held in conjunction with the Hiddenite Celebration of the Arts. The Hiddenite Celebration of the Arts is a wonderful event with crafts, food, and entertainment held annually in September in Alexander County. The festival draws 10,000 people each year.

REGISTRATION

Registration is limited to 250 runners. The registration fee is \$35.00 postmarked by September 4, 2007 or \$50.00 thereafter including race day. Any current Alexander County resident may deduct \$10.00 from the cost. We order tee shirts based on the number of pre-registered runners. Late registrants are not guaranteed a shirt. Make checks payable to Alexander County Recreation Department. No refunds. Mail check and completed entry form to:

**Hiddenite Half-Marathon
621 Liledoun Road, Box 4
Taylorsville, NC 28681**



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course starts at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. The course is on paved, hilly, rural state roads passing by many farms, churches, uninhabited woodlands and Rocky Face Mountain. The course will have 5 aid stations. All stations will have water and electrolyte replacement drinks. The course is wheel measured.

PACKET PICK-UP

Race packets may be picked up at the Alexander County Recreation Department (80 Wittenburg Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681) on Friday, September 21, 2007 from 8:00am until 6:00pm. Late registrations will also be accepted at that time. Packet pick-up and race day registration will be at the Hiddenite Elementary School (374 Sulphur Springs Road, Hiddenite, NC 28636) from 7:00am until 7:45am on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

AWARD, SHIRTS, & MEDALLIONS – HALF-MARATHON

Awards go to the top 3 overall males and females. Awards will also go to the top 3 males and females in the following age groups:

24 and under	40 – 44	60 – 64
25 – 29	45 – 49	65 – 69
30 – 34	50 – 54	70 and over
35 – 39	55 – 59	

There will be no duplication of awards. No awards will be mailed.

Shirts and medallions are for finishers only and will be given immediately at the finish line. The Awards Ceremony will start at approximately 11:00am at the Hiddenite Center's Lucas Mansion.



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RACE SCHEDULE

The race starts at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (31 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681) at 8:30am and finishes at the Hiddenite Center's Lucas Mansion.

RACE VAN SERVICE

Race vans will be available at the Hiddenite Elementary School for **RUNNERS ONLY**. Vans will take runners to the start at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Vans will start running at 7:30am. No vans are available after 8:00am. There will be no post-race van service. Runners are encouraged to take the free race vans before the race and avoid having to return for a car after the event.

DIRECTIONS FOR PARKING – HIDDENITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

From US 64 East (from Taylorsville) turn left onto Old Mountain Road or from US 64 West (From Statesville) turn right onto Old Mountain Road. Travel to stop sign and turn right onto Highway 90. Take an immediate left onto Sulphur Springs Road, just past the Trio Store. Travel a little over a quarter mile (1,800 feet) to Hiddenite Elementary School on the right.

DIRECTIONS TO HIDDENITE CENTER'S LUCAS MANSION (Race only– no parking)

The Lucas Mansion is within walking distance from Hiddenite Elementary School. Simply cross the street and walk to the rear of the Lucas Mansion property.

If being dropped off at the Lucas Mansion by car, travel from US 64 to Old Mountain Road (See above directions). At the stop sign, travel straight across Highway 90 onto Hiddenite Church Road. Travel a little over a quarter mile (1,800) to the Lucas Mansion on the right.

DIRECTIONS TO PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

From US 64 East (from Taylorsville) turn left onto Liledoun Road or from US 64 West (From Statesville) turn right onto Liledoun Road. Travel through 2 traffic lights. Liledoun Road will turn into NC Highway 16 North. Travel approximately 4 ½ miles on NC Highway 16 North and turn right onto Vashti Road. Travel approximately 2 miles on Vashti Road and turn right onto Black Oak Ridge Road. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be on the left about a mile down Black Oak Ridge Road.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT;

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ENTRY FORM

Name (please print)_____Age race day_____

Address_____City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone Number () _____Running Club_____

Sex_____Date of Birth_____Shirt size (circle one) M L XL XXL

Best Half-Marathon_____

Emergency Contact_____Emergency Phone_____

E-mail address_____

Waiver and release:

I agree to save, release, and keep harmless Alexander County, organizers of the marathon, officials, participating sponsors, volunteers, and any other groups, agencies, or individuals involved with this event from all liability, claims, or demands for damages incurred by my participation in the Hiddenite Half-Marathon or any of its related parts. I realize that participating in a half-marathon is a sometimes risky and potentially hazardous endeavor and I assume all responsibilities for my participating. I certify that I am properly trained, mentally fit, and medically able to participate in this event. I will not litter and I promise to have fun. I realize that the race director has the right to refuse any entry and that decisions rendered by the race director whether in participation or finish results will be final.

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)_____date_____

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